State parks to open Saturday

The Department of Conservation and Economic Development, Division of Parks, announced that state parks facilities will open for the 1980 summer season on Saturday, May 24.

"Virginia State Parks: A natural adventure close to home' will serve as the 1980 theme," said parks commissioner Ben H. Bolen.

"With the price of gasoline steadily increasing, the division of state parks is committed to encouraging Virginians and their guests to seek recreational opportunities close to home," Bolen added.

This summer, visitors to Virginia's state parks can enjoy a wide range of activities and facilities such as horsebackriding, swimming, fishing, camping, hiking, boating and nature observation. Among the new facilities being offered are recently completed bathhouses at Bear Creek Lake, Holliday Lake and Hungry Mother State Parks; a new swimming pool at Westmoreland State Park, and a new visitor center at Seashore State Park.

York River State Park, located midway between Richmond and Hampton Roads, is open with free admission during the 1980 season. This unique park will offer day use facilities such as a visitor center with displays and interpretive programs depicting the total estuarine environment, hiking trails, picnicking, fishing and facilities for the handicapped are also a part of the park offerings.

Also new in 1980, Virginia state parks golden age passports are available for Virginia residents 62 years of age or older. These permits are not available by mail and can be obtained at any state park fee area. This pass does not apply to cabin and campsite rental or concession operations in the state park system.

Bolen said that additional activities during the summer season include popular arts and crafts activities at Chippokes Plantation, Hungry Mother, Claytor Lake and Westmoreland State Parks. Interpretive programs such as nature walks, hikes, boat tours, and evening programs with slides and movies are also available during the operating season.

Camping and cabin facilities provide overnight lodging for park enthusiasts. Eight state parks offer rustic cabins for rent until September 29, 1980, and camping is available in 14 state parks. "Over 1,300 campsites can be rented from one to fourteen days at a cost of $3.64 (tax included) per night," said Bolen.

Reservations for cabins and campsites can be made in person at any state park with cabins and/or campsites, or commercial ticketron terminals. Reservations may also be made by mail, along with appropriate fees, to the Ticketron Reservation Center, Box 62284, Virginia Beach, Va. 23462. Reservations can be made in person at the Central Office of the Divison of Parks, 1201 Washington Building, Capitol Square, Richmond, Va. 23219.

State Park and commercial ticketron terminal locations can be obtained by phoning (toll-free in Virginia) 1-800-582-8012; or (out of state) 1-804-499-0853, or by writing the Ticketron Reservation Center, Box 62284, Virginia Beach, Va. 23462.

Parking fees will be in effect for all state parks, except Holliday Lake, Goodwin Lake/Prince Edward, Bear Creek Lake, Occoneechee, and York River, beginning Memorial Day weekend. Fees are 50 cents per car, $1.00 per truck (6-19) people, and $3.00 per bus.

Chippokes Plantation, George Washington's Grist Mill, and Natural Tunnel State Parks have an admission fee of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Additional information on park facilities and activities can be obtained by contacting the Division of State Parks, 1201 Washington Building, Capitol Square, Richmond, Va. 23219. Telephone (804) 786-2132.

Davidson set for duty

Marine Staff Sergeant Edward O. Davidson, son of Thomas O. and Virginia B. Davidson of Route 4, Box 70, Appomattox, has reported for duty at Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S.C.

A 1972 graduate of Appomattox High School, he joined the Marine Corps in February 1972.

NICOLE RANDOLPH, Andy Guild, Susan Guild, Rachel Franklin, and Jamie Bane visited students in Clara Staten's third-period home economics class last week. The students are studying child development and planned a play period and prepared a nutritious snack for the visiting youngsters. Mrs. Staten noted that the exercise was beneficial particularly to students of this age group because many of them work as babysitters.

By June 30

Fertilizer use down?

U. S. fertilizer use may decline by 3 to 7 percent during the fertilizer year ending this June 30. According to a supplement to the Fertilizer Situation to be issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, greater than expected increases in prices farmers pay for fertilizer, energy, and interest relative to crop prices, combined with tight farm credit, will discourage fertilizer use this spring. Most forecasts made in late 1979, including USDA's, had called for a moderate increase in use this fertilizer year.

Net domestic supplies of fertilizers are expected to be about 14 percent higher this year. So, if the usual strong spring demand for fertilizer fails to materialize, prices could level off and possibly begin to decline, especially phosphates, before the planting season is finished.

The supplement, prepared by USDA's Economics, Statistics, and Cooperatives Service, notes that use of phosphate fertilizer is expected to decline most severely, perhaps by 7 to 13 percent. Potash consumption may fall by 3 to 7 percent while nitrogen use may equal last year's level or fall by as much as 3 percent. Current increases in farm prices for fertilizer are the largest since the 1974/75 fertiliser year, when use of the three primary nutrients declined about 9 percent, with nitrogen down 6 percent and phosphate and potash each down 12 percent.

After early optimism and a brisk fall season, the current fertilizer year has recently begun looking much like 1974/75. Although March 1980 fertilizer prices had not increased as much as in 1975, and 1980 grain prices have not declined as in 1975, other negative factors influencing fertilizer demand are more severe. Net farm income prospects are down from a year earlier due to a 12-percent annual increase in the overall cost of production inputs measured in March 1980, versus 9 percent in 1975. Cost increases have been especially high for energy, up 61 percent, and fertilizer, up 29 percent. Interest rates on production loans are up sharply from a year ago and credit supplies are tight, particularly in several Midwestern states.

Current economic conditions indicate the reduction in fertilizer use this spring will be at least as severe as in the spring of 1975. However, since many farmers who anticipated higher spring prices bought more fertilizer than usual in the fall and winter, consumption of plant nutrients for the first 7 months of the fertilizer year was up substantially. This strong early movement will probably prevent the decline in consumption for the entire fertilizer year from repeating the record decline of 1974/75, when use began decreasing during the fall and winter months.

May 1980 farm level prices for fertilizer could average about 24-26 percent higher than a year earlier. These increases stem from improved domestic demand in the early months of the fertilizer year, strong export demand, and rapidly rising production, transportation, and retailing costs. The expected decline in fertilizer use will probably cause a leveling off of prices and possibly some declines, especially for phosphates, before the end of the current fertilizer year.

Daniel makes books available

Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel has announced the availability of a number of publications dealing with cooking, canning and flowers.

The Department of Agriculture has published an assortment of publications on spring, summer and fall flowers which the Congressman will supply upon request.

The publications on cooking and canning of fruits and vegetables are revisions of previously published booklets.

Requests for these should be directed to Honorable Dan Daniel, 345 Post Office Building, Danville, Virginia 24541.

In Appomattox

SS co-op to meet

The local Southern States Cooperative annual membership meeting for the Appomattox area will be held July 23.

This decision was made by local farmer-members at a recent annual meeting conference held by Coleman & Sons, Inc.

Among the features of this year's session will be reports on operations of both Southern States Cooperative and the local agency for the fiscal year ended June 30. The Southern States report will focus on "You Are Here" by illustrating the many functions and areas cooperatives serve their members.

In addition there will be elections, or reports on elections and other business matters.

Attending the planning session were Ronald and Dan Coleman, co-managers of Coleman & Sons, Inc. and G. Maxey Slater, a member of Southern States Cooperative's regional headquarters staff at Richmond.

Also at the session were the following members of the local board and Farm Home Advisory Committee: B. J. Lucado, John C. Alvis, Jr., Boyd Thompson, Calvin Harris, Mrs. Frederick L. Thomas, Mrs. Carter Martin, Mrs. J. B. Drinkard, Jr., and Mrs. O. B. Gariss.

Swim classes set for Appomattox

Swimming classes will be held this summer at the Traveler's Inn Motel pool in Appomattox, for children ages 6-12.

Coach Jim Crawford will teach the classes.

Classes will be held for one hour per day for a two-week session for the total ten hours of instruction. Times available for beginners and intermediates. Classes will have a maximum of 12 students.

Sessions will run from June 30-July 11 and from July 14-July 25.

For additional information, contact Jim Crawford at P. O. Box 484, Appomattox (352-5910).

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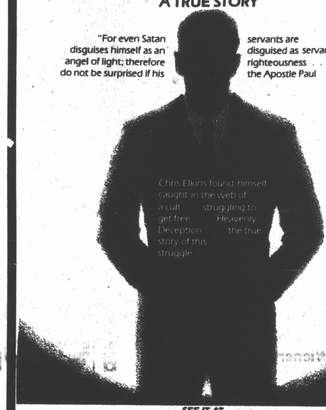

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